PROCLAMATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

WHEREAS, California Government Code section 8630 and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code empower the Board of Supervisors to proclaim the existence of a local emergency when the County is affected or likely to be affected by a serious threat to the public's health; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors finds that the current confirmed cases of Swine Influenza A (swH1N1) in California, Texas, Kansas, and New York has prompted the federal government to determine that a public health emergency exists nationwide which affects or has the significant potential to affect national security; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that that newly identified Swine Influenza A virus is an infectious and communicable disease, which creates a condition of extreme peril to the health and safety of persons within the County, and which is likely to be beyond the ability and resources of the County to control; and

WHEREAS, a declaration of a local emergency will assist in a coordinated public health response to reduce transmission and illness severity, provide assistance to health care providers, and mitigate the effects of this potential pandemic on the citizens of Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, this condition warrants and necessitates that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors that a local emergency exists throughout Los Angeles County, and shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by this Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the State Director of the Office of Emergency Services.

Date: APRII

DON KNABE

Chair, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

SACHI HAMAI

Executive Officer and

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By